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Ms. Sheila Desai
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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Region V
77 West Jackson Boulevard (SR-6J)
Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590

Dear Ms. Desai:

Re: Monthly Progress Report - October 2012
Former Plainwell, Inc. Mill Property Operable Unit No. 7
Allied Paper, Inc./Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site
Allegan and Kalamazoo County

As required by Task 8, Progress Reports in the Statement of Work of the Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS) at the former Plainwell, Inc. Mill Property, please find attached three copies of the Progress Report No. 72 for the period of October 1, 2012 through October 31, 2012.

Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

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**Progress Report No. 72
October 1, 2012 to October 31, 2012**

**Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study
Former Plainwell, Inc. Mill Property
Plainwell, Michigan**

This progress report is being submitted to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) in accordance with Task 8: Progress Reports and the Schedule for Major Deliverables contained in the Statement of Work for the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS), pursuant to the terms of the Consent Decree for the Design and Implementation of Certain Response Actions at Operable Unit No. 4 and the Plainwell, Inc. Mill Property (Site) Operational Unit No. 7 of the Allied Paper, Inc./Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site (Consent Decree), which became effective February 22, 2005.

1. Work Performed

- Submittal, on October 19, 2012, of responses to comments received from U.S. EPA on August 30, 2012 for the Remedial Investigation Report (Revision 1), which was submitted to the U.S. EPA on April 20, 2012 with revisions on July 10, 2012.
- Submittal of Revision 2 to the Remedial Investigation Report on October 19, 2012, based on the U.S. EPA's August 30, 2012 comments.

2. Data Received

- None

**3. Modifications to Work Plans or Other Schedules
Proposed to, or Approved by, the U.S. EPA**

- None.

4. Problems Encountered and Planned Resolution

- None.

5. Work Anticipated During the Next Reporting Period

- Removal of utility installation excavated materials located near former Lagoon K and investigation-derived waste generated during the MW-16 investigation.
- Submittal of a Revised Summary of Additional RI Activities PCB-Impacted Soil in the Area of MW-16 memorandum, including a response to comment document, to address comments received from U.S. EPA on October 16, 2012 for the Revised Summary of Additional RI Activities PCB-Impacted Soil in the Area of MW-16 memorandum, which was submitted to U.S. EPA on September 7, 2012.

6. **Anticipated Development with Work during the Next Period**

- None.

7. **Other Relevant Information**

- On October 25, 2012 a subcontractor for the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) excavated surface soils in the area of the Prince Street storm sewer line between the outfall and the unpaved roadway in that area to a depth of one-foot below ground surface. Soils near the outfall to the Kalamazoo River were excavated to the bottom of the pipe. Excavated materials were removed for off-Site disposal. The area was restored with geotextile fabric (where necessary) and covered with topsoil. The area was seeded on October 26, 2012.